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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

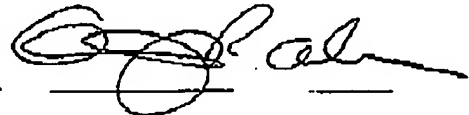
Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-24, drawn to a medical article, classified in class 424, subclass 423+.
- II. Claims 25, drawn to a method of delivering, classified in class 424, subclass 423+.
- III. Claims 26-33, drawn to a method of making, classified in class 427, subclass 400+.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-24, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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